



## Coastal Communities Water Quality Education and Outreach

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| <b>Water Body</b>     | <i>Bastrop Bayou and Double Bayou</i>                                       |
| <b>Location</b>       | <i>Brazoria, Chambers, and Galveston Counties</i>                           |
| <b>River Basin</b>    | <i>Neches-Trinity, San Jacinto-Brazos, Trinity-San Jacinto river basins</i> |
| <b>Contractor</b>     | <i>Houston-Galveston Area Council</i>                                       |
| <b>Project Period</b> | <i>September 25, 2017 to August 31, 2020</i>                                |
| <b>Project Total</b>  | <i>\$208,333 (Federal 60% and Local Match 40%)</i>                          |

### Background

Nearly fifty percent of waterbodies in the Houston-Galveston region have a bacteria impairment. This includes waters within the six small, coastal communities that are without MS4 permits in the project region: Anahuac, Bailey's Prairie, Bonney, Danbury, Oak Island, and Rosharon. This project will provide the means and support to develop outreach and education campaigns in these communities. Two EPA-accepted. This project will focus on implementing education and outreach measures from these WPPs in order to change behaviors and reduce bacteria levels.

### Project Description

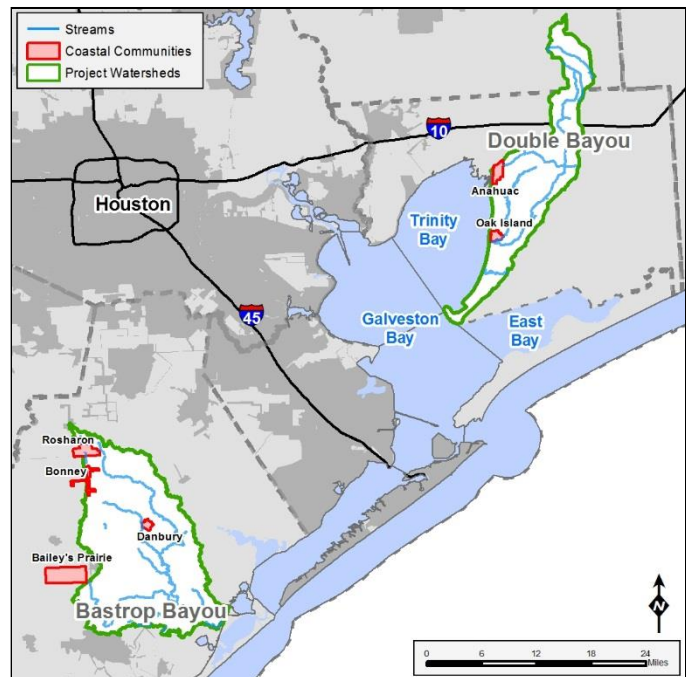
This project will focus on six coastal communities lacking financial and staff capacity to develop, launch, and implement public outreach campaigns that will address issues of bacteria impairments. These outreach campaigns will include conducting a community needs assessment, creating a public outreach plan and roadmaps, helping with events, and providing best management practices outreach literature, presentations, trainings, and tools. Materials for the outreach programs will be developed as a part of the project. This project will also implement already established regional programs for pet waste, fats, oils, grease, and littering in these communities. Water monitoring will be conducted to monitor changes in water quality improvements.

### Current Status

This project began September 25, 2017.

### Public Participation

Targeted communities will work with the project team to help determine the best way to implement strategies found in the two WPPs. The public will also be involved



through the different outreach programs and education that will be provided by the project. The H-GACs Water Resources Information Map will provide stakeholders with current water quality data to help them understand concerns and issues within the project areas.

### For More Information

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## Project Highlights

- 09/2017 – Post Award Meeting held.